

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed July 7, 2003, the Examiner noted that claims 1-34 were pending, that claims 8, 9, 11-13, 20-22, 24-26 and 29-34 have been withdrawn from consideration and rejected all remaining claims. Claims 4, 7, 10 and 17 have been amended, claims 1-3, 5, 6, 14-16, 18, 19, 23, 27, 28 have been canceled, new claims 35-39 have been added and, thus, in view of the forgoing claims 4, 7-13, 20-22, 24-26, and 29-39 remain pending for reconsideration which is requested. No new matter has been added. The Examiner's rejections and objections are traversed below.

In the Action on page 2 the Examiner objected to the drawings and the drawings have been amended in consideration of the Examiners comments. Withdrawal of the objection is requested.

In the Office Action the Examiner rejected claims 1-5 14-18, 27 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. section 112 paragraph 2 as indefinite. The claims have has been amended in consideration of the Examiner's comments or cancelled and it is submitted [they satisfy] it satisfies the requirements of the statute. If additional concerns with the claims arise, the Examiner is invited to telephone to resolve the same. Suggestions by the Examiner are also welcome. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

On page 4 of the Office Action the Examiner rejected claim 1-2, 14, 15 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as anticipated by Dulude. On page 4 of the Office Action the Examiner rejected claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as anticipated by Pare. Page 5 of the Office Action rejects claims 3, 6, 10, 16, 19, 23 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Dulude and alleged admitted prior art. Page 7 of the Office Action rejects claims 4, 5, 17 and 18.S.C. § 103 over Dulude and Larsson.

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 14-16, 18, 19, 23, 27, 28 have been cancelled.

The present invention is a system that helps in the authentication of an individual by using anatomical information (see claims 7, 10, 17 and 35-39). The invention collects the anatomical information and identification information about the individual and collates the information by combining the anatomical and identification information. The anatomical information is collected based on an image of the individual. Because the anatomical information can be very voluminous, in the present invention the identification information specifies "a collection order" of the anatomical information. This allows the collation to be more efficient and easier to access.

The prior art does not teach or suggest such.

It is submitted that the present claimed invention patentably distinguishes over the prior art and withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

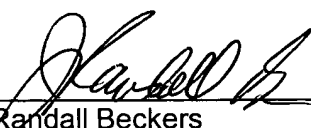
It is submitted that the claims satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. section 112. It is also submitted that the drawings meet the drawing requirements. It is further submitted that the claims are not taught, disclosed or suggested by the prior art. The claims are therefore in a condition suitable for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

If any further fees, other than and except for the issue fee, are necessary with respect to this paper, the U.S.P.T.O. is requested to obtain the same from deposit account number 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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